Rates of Gross Job Gains and Gross Job Losses

From April to June 2009, gross job gains represented 7.5 percent of private sector employment in Idaho. Over the quarter, gross job gains at expanding establishments represented 5.9 percent of private sector employment, and gross job gains at opening establishments represented 1.6 percent.

Nationally this quarter, gross job gains at expanding establishments represented 4.2 percent of private sector employment, and at opening establishments represented 1.0 percent.

From April to June 2009, gross job losses represented 9.8 percent of private sector employment in Idaho. Gross job losses at contracting establishments represented 7.6 percent of private sector employment, which was higher than the national rate at contracting establishments (6.2 percent).

The rate of gross job losses at closing establishments (2.2 percent) was slightly higher than the 1.3 percent observed nationally. (See chart 3 and table B.) The rates of gross job gains and losses provide a picture of the amount of "job churning" that occurs in the labor market.

Table B. 3-month private sector gross job gains and losses as a percent of employment, seasonally adjusted

Total Private for Idaho

Category	3 months ended					
	June	Sep.	Dec.	Mar.	June	
	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	
	Levels					
Gross job gains	7.6	7.6	7.3	6.8	7.5	
At expanding establishments	6.0	5.9	5.5	5.0	5.9	
At opening establishments	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	
Gross job losses	8.9	8.6	9.4	10.4	9.8	
At contracting establishments	7.1	6.8	7.6	8.5	7.6	
At closing establishments	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2	
Net employment change 1	-1.3	-1.0	-2.1	-3.6	-2.3	

Total Private for United States as a whole

Category	3 months ended						
	June	Sep.	Dec.	Mar.	June		
	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009		
	Levels						
Gross job gains	6.5	6.1	6.0	5.2	6.0		
At expanding establishments	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.2	4.8		
At opening establishments	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2		
Gross job losses	6.9	6.9	7.6	7.7	7.5		
At contracting establishments	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.2		
At closing establishments	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3		
Net employment change 1	-0.4	-0.8	-1.6	-2.5	-1.5		

¹ The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses. See the Technical Note for further information.

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